

Chapter 36 - CLAVIS

18 Flaccus ad Decimi aedes festinavit. Occurrit ei Brundisium

Flaccus hurried to Decimus's house. He ran into him about to set out to Brundisium

profecturo sed ei persuasit ut secum Venusiam rediret. Casam

but he persuaded him to return with him to Venusia. Having entered the house

(20) ingressi Scintillam ubertim flentem invenerunt. Decimus ad eam

they found Scintilla weeping a lot. Decimus approached her and

accessit et "noli flere, Scintilla," inquit, "Quintus sine dubio mox

said "Don't weep, Scintilla," Quintus, having gone back to Athens, soon without doubt

Athenas regressus in Academia iterum studebit. Bellum non diu

will study again in the Academy. War will not be waged for a long time.
(carried out)

geretur. Quintus tamen imprudens est, si Bruto(se) coniunxit;

Quintus however was foolish, if he joined (himself) with Brutus.

Antonijs enim militie pertissimus est copeasque meliores habet.

For Antony is most skilled in warfare and has better troops

(25) Cum Caesaris percussores vicerit, sine dubio rempublicam

When Caesar's assassins ~~are~~, without a doubt he will restore the Republic,
he will defeat

restituere. Nunc reipublicae opus est viro forti qui pacem civibus

Now the Republic is in need of a strong man who will return peace
to the citizens.

reddet. Ego ipse Brundisium iam profecturus sum ut Antonii

I myself was already about to set out to Brundisium to

(28) exercitui me coniungam."

join up with Antony's Army.

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Flaccus, "quid dicis,

Flaccus says, "what are you saying, dearest?"

(10) carissima?" inquit; "num vult militare filius noster?" ~~Q~~illa "libertatem

Does our son want to join the military? " She (said) "He is defending the
(serve as a soldier)

populi romani defendit, ut dicit; o diem nigrum! o di immortales,

liberty of the Roman people, as he says; O dark day! O immortal gods!

servate filium nostrum. O Flacce, Decimum arcesse; ille nos

Save our son! O Flaccus, summon Decimus; He will help us."

adiuvabit."

Flaccus "Quintus non iam puer est," inquit, "sed vir fortis et

Flaccus says "Quintus is no longer a boy, but a brave and good man;

(15) bonus; officium suum perficere debet. Non possumus eum

he ought to carry out his duty. We cannot prevent him
(do)

prohibere libertatem populi Romani contra tyrannos defendere.

to defend the liberty of the Roman people against tyrants.

Sed, si tibi placet, Decimum arcessam ut rem ei proponamus."

But, if it pleases you, I will summon Decimus to/so that we may

explain the situation
(thing) to him.

~~FINCO, VACC~~
~~VIGI~~

~~FOLEO~~